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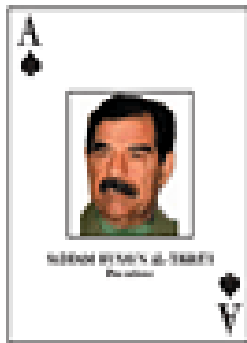
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## Saddam Hussein's fate affects U.S. troops

WASHINGTON (AP) - Doubts about the fate of Saddam Hussein have contributed to the rising violence against U.S. forces in Iraq, the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee said Friday.



Sen. John Warner, R-Va., said the "residual feeling" from Saddam's Baathist Party "is filtering down given the lingering doubt as to whether he is alive or dead, could return and have some reprisal against those who work with the coalition."

Warner's remarks were seconded by Ret. Gen. Jay Garner, the former administrator of the U.S. reconstruction team in Iraq. The two spoke to reporters

after Garner appeared at a closed-door hearing of the committee.

Warner said the uncertainty of Saddam's fate hampers U.S. forces in getting information from prisoners.

"Undoubtedly, there is some level of coordination from remnants of his regime," he said.

Garner said he doesn't know whether the toppled Iraqi president is dead or alive.

"I've talked to Iraqis who told me he is alive. I've talked to Iraqis who say he is dead. Those who say he is alive clearly outnumber those who say he is dead," Garner said. But he added he wouldn't be surprised whichever turns out to be true.

Garner said he doesn't know if efforts to find Saddam have been stepped up since Garner left Iraq three weeks ago, but "I can assure you that while I was there, there were massive efforts to locate him."

## Myers nominated for second term as Joint Chiefs Chairman

by Thomas Duffy, InsideDefense.com

President Bush has nominated Air Force Gen. Richard Myers for a second two-year term as the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Senate received the nomination yesterday.

Myers became the Joint Chiefs chairman in October 2001, after serving 19 months as vice chairman.

The 38-year Air Force veteran has formed a strong relationship with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. Myers regularly appeared with Rumsfeld during Pentagon press briefings on the war with Iraq.

The Senate yesterday also confirmed the appointment of Lt. Gen. William Wallace as the new head of the Army's Combined Arms Center at Ft. Leavenworth, KS. Wallace was the commander of the Army's V Corps during the recent war with Iraq.

There is no date set for Wallace to assume command of the Combined Arms Center, Ft. Leavenworth spokeswoman Lt. Col. Melia Wiley told DefenseAlert. Lt. Gen. James Riley, the current commander of the center, will relinquish command on June 26. Wiley said Wallace is expected to take over some time in July.

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*US forces patrol by a defaced road marker of ousted Iraqi ruler Saddam Hussein in Fallujah, 60 kilometers, 35 miles west of Baghdad, Iraq Friday June 20, 2003. Unknown gunmen fired rocket propelled grenade at a power station in Fallujah Thursday evening, damaging its power transformer and a cargo truck outside and injuring slightly two US soldiers guarding the gates. It was the latest of a spiraling series of attacks on U.S. soldiers despite an intense new crackdown. (AP Photo/Ali Haider)*

## **Saddam Hussein's fate affects U.S. troops continued**

Garner also told reporters that great progress has been made in restoring order in Iraq. "I think things right now are ahead of the timeline that we felt they would be," he said.

"You want things to be better, yes," he said. But civilian and military personnel have "done a miraculous job. They've almost worked a miracle."

Garner also warned against allowing Iraq to fall too deeply in debt.

Referring to the rise of Nazi Germany, Garner said that if a new Iraqi government has too much debt, "then we're running a parallel, I think, akin to what happened to Germany at the end of World War I, where the reparations were so great that it led to the events in the '30s and '40s."

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## **American admits helping al Qaeda; bargains with Justice**

by Gerry J. Gilmore, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, June 19, 2003 —A naturalized American citizen from Columbus, Ohio, reached a plea-bargain agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, Attorney General John Ashcroft said here June 19.

Speaking at a press conference, Ashcroft reported that Kashmir-born Iyman Faris, a 34-year-old independent truck driver who came to the United States in 1994, had pleaded guilty for consorting with al Qaeda.

"We have taken another American-based al Qaeda operative off the streets," Ashcroft declared. In his plea arrangement, Faris had agreed to further cooperate with law enforcement officials.

Faris "appeared to be a hard-working, American truck driver," the Attorney General pointed out.

However, Faris had "secretly scouted terrorist (strike) sites" for al Qaeda," Ashcroft noted, "that could have killed many of his fellow citizens."

Ashcroft said Faris — who had once met al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden — had provided money to the terrorist organization, scouted out targets, such as bridges and railroads, to attack in America and provided information about ultra light aircraft.

Faris' plea bargain "highlights the very real threats that still exist here at home in the United States of America in the war against terrorism," Ashcroft asserted.



*Jordanian Army soldiers are in position on a bridge in the downtown Jordanian capital of Amman Friday, June 20, 2003. Security has been tightened as an extraordinary World Economic Forum meeting in Jordan to contribute to Mideast peacemaking and restore world confidence in globalization will open at the Dead Sea resort some 50 km (31 miles) southwest of the capital on Saturday. AP Photo/ Amr Nabil*



*New York police officer mixes with pedestrians, runners and cyclists on the Brooklyn Bridge May 22, 2002, in New York. An Ohio truck driver who met Osama bin Laden and admitted plots against trains and the Brooklyn Bridge has pleaded guilty to felony charges and is cooperating in the investigation of al-Qaida, federal authorities said Thursday, June 19, 2003. (AP Photo/Beth A. Keiser, File)*

# Regime sabotage attempts continue near Fallujah

by Jim Garamone, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, June 20, 2003 – Operation Desert Scorpion continues, with U.S. troops conducting nine raids throughout Iraq. U.S. 1st Armored Division soldiers conducted five raids in the greater Baghdad area June 20 and detained five Iraqis, according to a U.S. Central Command release.

The troops also seized a number of small arms and confiscated ammunition. An Iraqi man turned in a box of hand grenades to the unit.

The humanitarian portion of Operation Desert Scorpion also continues. Troops from the 3rd Infantry Division helped repair water works, electrical infrastructure and helped assess the condition of local schools. Troopers with the 101st Airborne Division distributed food, and cavalymen from the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment escorted humanitarian convoys from Jordan.

Civilian media reported that Iraqis loyal to Saddam Hussein fired a rocket-propelled grenade at a transformer in a power plant near Fallujah, injuring two American soldiers and knocking out power to half the city. U.S. Central Command was unable to confirm the incident.

DoD officials have called Fallujah, about 35 miles west on Baghdad, a hotbed of sentiment for the former regime. Officials said it is part of the “Sunni Crescent” that has a majority Sunni Muslim population. Hussein is a Sunni and many leaders in the former regime came from the area.

DoD officials said that supporters of the former regime are attacking infrastructure targets. The idea is to negate any progress coalition



*Soldiers from “Attack” Company A-37 search a wooded area in Habaniyah 55 kilometers west of Baghdad, Thursday, June 19, 2003 after hearing automatic weapon fire near their camp.(AP Photo./John Moore)*

forces are making to improve power, water and sewage systems, so that average Iraqis want Saddam back. “And that’s just not going to happen,” the official said.

In Afghanistan, medical and civil affairs personnel treated 133 Afghans during a visit to the village of Nageel Abad near Kandahar June 19. The teams also distributed 100 pounds of personal hygiene kits, according to a Combined Joint Task Force 180 release.

No casualties or damage to equipment occurred when seven rockets impacted in the vicinity of the firebase at Orgun-E June 19, according to the release.

Afghan military forces turned over 74 100 mm rocket rounds and 54 107 mm rocket fuses to coalition forces in Adadabad June 18. They were recovered during an Afghan forces’ sweep of the Shahkahul area, east of Asadabad.

## Army trial recommended in grenade attack

by Kimerly Hefling

FORT KNOX, Ky. (AP) - An investigating officer Friday recommended the court-martial of a soldier charged in the deadly grenade attack on sleeping 101st Airborne comrades in Kuwait.

Evidence shows Sgt. Hasan Akbar had ample time to acquire the grenades used in the attack and that Akbar’s rifle killed one of the two officers who died, said Col. Patrick Reinert at an Article 32 hearing.

“There are reasonable grounds to believe the accused committed the offensive charges,” Reinert said. “This was a surprise attack

executed by stealth.”

Fourteen other soldiers were wounded in the March 23 attack days before the 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division was to move into Iraq.

Reinert’s recommendation will go to Akbar’s battalion commander, Lt. Col. Peter DeLuca of the 326th Engineer Battalion, and eventually to Maj. Gen. David Petraeus, commanding general of the 101st.

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## Army trial recommended in grenade attack continued



*Sgt. Hasan Akbar is shown in this court artist's rendering, listening to testimony during his Article 32 hearing at Fort Knox, Ky., June 16, 2003. An attorney for Akbar, the man charged with killing fellow soldiers in a grenade attack in Kuwait, said no one saw his client commit the crime and people at the scene assumed he did it because he is Muslim. Akbar, 32, from the 101st Airborne Division, is charged in the March 23 attack that killed two officers and injured 14 others. (AP Photo/Judson Baker, File)*

Maj. Trey Cate, 101st spokesman, said he does not know when DeLuca - who is in Iraq - would make a decision.

Akbar's attorney said in closing arguments Friday morning that no eyewitnesses placed the soldier at the scene, and that soldiers on the ground unduly assumed he committed the crime because he is Muslim.

"Nobody, not one witness, can say they saw Sgt. Akbar throw a grenade or fire a weapon," Lt. Col. Victor Hansen argued.

Capt. Harper Cook, an attorney for the prosecution, said Akbar stole seven grenades from a Humvee he was guarding, then an hour later walked to the brigade operations area to attack his comrades in the three tents.

"He selected the weapons, he pulled the pins, he threw the grenades and he shot Maj. (Kenneth) Romaine with his rifle," Cook said. Romaine was wounded in both hands and his left thigh by a gunshot in the attack, he testified.

Cook said evidence shows Akbar's weapon was used to kill Capt. Army Capt. Christopher Scott Seifert, 27, of Easton, Pa. Air Force Maj. Gregory Stone, 40, of Boise, Idaho, also was killed.

Cook also said Akbar was injured in his leg during the attack, but chose not to seek treatment because he wanted to blend in with other soldiers.

His attack plan "was well-thought out and executed with military precision," Cook said.

Hansen pointed out that two different soldiers testified they told

investigators that Akbar was not the man they saw shoot Seifert. One witness said he saw a second shot fired that he thought came from a second shooter.

Hansen said the probe was tainted when Col. Ben Hodges, the brigade commander, told the arriving investigator that a soldier had confessed to the crime because he said American soldiers were going to rape and kill Muslims in Iraq.

Hansen said soldiers on the ground were too quick to assume that Akbar committed the crime because he is Muslim and that Hodges was not a criminal investigator and should not have been making assumptions.

"Now we'll never know" what really happened, Hansen said.

Hodges testified by video teleconference from Mosul, Iraq, on Thursday that two Kuwaiti interpreters were detained immediately after the attack, but soon he received word that Akbar and grenades he had been guarding could not be accounted for.

"By the time the sun's coming up, I was pretty well convinced it was one of our soldiers," said Hodges, who suffered shrapnel wounds in his arm in the attack.

Akbar, 32, did not testify. He could face the death penalty if convicted at a court-martial.

It is the first time since the Vietnam War that a U.S. Army soldier has been prosecuted for the murder or attempted murder of another soldier during a period of war, the Army said.



*Maj. David Crawford of the Fort Campbell staff judge advocate's office answers questions outside of Pike Hall at Ft. Knox, Ky., before the Article 32 hearing for Sgt. Hasan Akbar on June 16. (AP Photo/Ed Reinke)*

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# What's in a name? Many soldiers will get new designators

by Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, June 19, 2003) - Personnel specialists Armywide are changing more than 50 percent of the enlisted force's occupational codes. For most enlisted soldiers it will just be an alphanumeric change, for others it could mean a career change.

The Army has 230 military occupational specialties — a number that changes everyday, said Randy Newman, chief of the Classification Structure Branch. By fiscal year 2009, about 150 of them will be renamed or deleted, he said.

The codes will be aligned with the officer and warrant officer codes for clarity as directed by the former Army chief of staff, retired Gen. Eric K. Shinseki.

The Engineer Career Management Field will be renaming 20 specialties. The Aviation CMF will be renaming 19 specialties. These two have the most soldiers to receive a new nomenclature. However, these soldiers will be among the least affected by the realignment of job designators.

Decreasing confusion on what jobs fall under the Engineer CMF will be the primary benefit, said Lt. Col. Jack Smith, the Enlisted Engineer Branch chief.

Engineers now have specialties ranging from diver, 00B; interior electrician, 51R; heavy construction equipment operator 62E to topographic analyst, 81T. It was quite confusing around the Army as what MOSs were engineering, Smith said. But with the CMFs 12, 51 and 81 converting to CMF 21, there won't be any doubt who's an engineer, he said.

"The only consternation will be for those senior NCOs [noncommissioned officers] whose goal is to become a Zulu and make the rank of sergeant major. Their quest will change slightly," Smith said.

Combat engineering senior sergeant, 12Z, will be converted to 21Z. However, general engineer supervisor, 51Z, will be reclassified to 21X and topographic engineering supervisor, 81Z, will be reclassified to 21Y. Bottom line, Smith said, they will be sergeants major responsible for leading troops.

The Aviation Branch is not consolidating any individual specialties, and the change will not affect promotion or assignment eligibility, said Master Sgt. David Wagner, the senior career adviser for the Aviation Branch.

"The most-asked question is whether the change means that aviation soldiers will become combat arms, and the answer is no," Wagner said. "Our pilots and the officers are considered combat arms, but

enlisted soldiers will still be combat support."

Most of the realignment changes will take place fiscal year 2004, but the process will be staggered until FY09, said Randy Newman, chief of the Classification Structure Branch.

"The reason the reclassifications will take so long is because I only have a limited number of MOS codes to use," Newman said. "For

example, medical specialists, CMF 91, will be moved to CMF 68. However, right now aviation is coded CMF 68."

Medical specialists will be among the last to get their new designators, but they were the first to announce how the realignment will "doctor" its field.

In October of 2001 combat medics, 91B, and licensed practical nurses, 91C, were combined and reclassified as health-care specialists, 91W. A six-year transformation began for the active-duty medic and an eight-year transition for the reservists.

The advanced individual training for health-care specialists located in San Antonio, Texas, was also extended to 16 weeks from the 12-week course.

"Our medics can now operate autonomously on diverse battlefields," said Lt. Col. Ron Hamilton, the chief of the Health Services Branch. "Based on a study that looked at how civilians in the medical field are trained and medics in Ranger battalions and in the Marine Corps and Air Force, we modified how our medics are trained and re-certified."

Commanders in Iraq and Afghanistan have said that the medics now have the right skill sets to sustain injured soldiers, Hamilton said. Training is now heavily focused on trauma, sustaining injuries and the use of digital diagnostic equipment, he added.

Personnel specialists also have a long road ahead. Over the next four years the position "administrative specialist," also widely recognized as 71L, will not be renamed but deleted, said Sgt. Maj. James Miller, the Adjutant General Branch sergeant major.

"There has been some anxiety and concern among our personnel soldiers, but we have been preparing them mentally for the upcoming changes, Miller said. "Soldiers know that a draw down is inevitable, but some soldiers are ready for a change, and looking forward to reclassifying into another MOS."

When it comes to Transformation, the Adjutant Corps is building the bridges that will get them there and have them waiting for the rest of the Army, Miller said. However, the greatest challenge now is



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to take care of the soldiers who spent their early years in the Army serving under the AG umbrella, he added.

Staff sergeants and sergeants first class are concerned about being competitive at senior promotion boards after reclassifying into another field, Miller said.

The Army's personnel specialists will move to CMF 42, and with the change in nomenclature officials are hoping to streamline the career field and produce a more diversified administrative soldier.

To date, 115 MOSs have been recoded. Below is a list of transforming MOSs and the effective date:

00B to 21D Diver, FY0	51K to 21K Plumber, FY04
02A to 42R Band Member, FY05	51M to 21M Firefighter, FY04
02S to 42S Special Band Member, FY05	51R to 21R Interior Electrician, FY04
12B to 21B Combat Engineer, FY04	51T to 21T Technical Engineer, FY04
12C to 21C Bridge Crewmember, FY04	51Z to 21X General Engineer Supervisor, FY04
12Z to 21Z Combat Engineering Senior Sergeant, FY04	52G to 21Q Transmission and Distribution Specialist (Reserve Components), FY04
31C to 25C Radio Operator-Maintenance, FY05	52E to 21P Prime Power Production Specialist, FY04
31F to 25F Network Switching Systems, FY05	54B to 74D Chemical Operations Specialist, FY04
31L to 25L Cable Systems Installer, FY05	55B to 89B Ammunition Specialist, FY05
31P to 25P Microwave Systems Operator, FY05	55D to 89D Explosive Ordnance Disposal Specialist, FY05
31R to 25Q Multichannel Transmissions, FY05	62E to 21E Heavy Construction Equipment Operator, FY04
31S to 25S Satellite Communications, FY05	62F to 21F Crane Operator, FY04
31T to 25T Satellite/Microwave Systems Operator, FY05	62G to 21G Quarrying Specialist, FY04
31U to 25U Signal Support Systems Operator, FY05	62H to 21V Construction and Asphalt Equipment Operator, FY04
31W to 25W Telecommunications Operator, FY05	62J to 21J General Construction Equipment Operator, FY04
31Z to 25X Senior Signal Sergeant, FY05	62N to 21N Construction Equipment Supervisor, FY04
35A to 94A Land Combat Electrician, FY06	67G to 15T Utility Airplane Repairer, FY06
35D to 94D Air Traffic Control Election, FY06	67N to 15M UH-Helicopter Repairer, FY04
35E to 94E Radio and Communication Operator, FY06	67R to 15R AH-64 Attack Helicopter Repairer, FY04
35F to 94F Special Electronic Devices Repairer, FY06	67S to 15S OH-58D Helicopter Repairer, FY04
35H to 94H Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Support Specialist, FY06	67T to 15T UH-60 Helicopter Repairer, FY04
35K to 94K Apache Attack Helicopter Repairer, FY06	67U to 15U CH-47 Helicopter Repairer, FY04
35L to 94L Avionic Communication Equipment Repairer, FY06	67V to 15V Observation/Scout Helicopter Repairer, FY04
35M to 94M Radar Repairer, FY06	67Y to 15V Attack Helicopter Repairer, FY04
35P to 94P Multiple Launch Rocket Repairer, FY06	67Z to 15Z Aircraft Maintenance senior sergeant, FY04
35R to 94R Avionic System Repairer, FY06	68B to 15B Aircraft Powerplant Repairer, FY04
35S to 94S Patriot System Repairer, FY06	68F to 15F Aircraft Powertrain Repairer, FY04
35T to 94T Avenger System Repairer, FY06	68G to 15G Aircraft Structural repairer, FY04
35V to 94V Electronic and Missile Chief, FY06	68H to 15H Aircraft Pneudraulics Repairer, FY04
35W to 94W Electronic Maintenance Chief, FY06	68J to 15J Aircraft Armament/Missile Systems Repairer, FY05
35Y to 94Y Integrated Family of Test Equipment Operator and Maintainer, FY06	68K to 15K Aircraft Components Repair Supervisor, FY04
35Z to 94Z Senior Electronic Maintenance Chief, FY06	68N to 15N Avionic Mechanic, FY04
43E to 92R Parachute Rigger, FY03	68S to 15J OH-58D Armament/Electrical/Avionics Systems Repairer, FY04
43M to 92S Fabric Repair Special, FY03	68X to 15X AH-64A Armament/Electrical Systems Repairer, FY04
51B to 21W Carpentry and Masonry Specialist, FY04	68Y to 15Y AH-64D Armament/Electrical/Avionics Systems Repairer, FY04
51H to Construction Engineering Supervisor, FY04	71D to 27D Legal Specialist, FY02
	71L to 42L Administrative Specialist, FY05
	73C to 44C Finance Specialist, FY05
	73D to 44C Accounting Specialist, FY05
	73Z to 44C Finance Senior Sergeant, FY05
	74B to 25B Information Systems Operator Analyst, FY05
	74C to 25D Telecommunication Operator Analyst, FY05
	74Z to 25Y Information System Technician, FY05
	75B to 42A Personnel Administration Specialist, FY05
	75F to 42F Personnel Information Systems Management Specialist, FY05

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# NATO transformation command established in Norfolk

by Jim Garamone, American Forces Press Service

NORFOLK, Va. June 19, 2003 - "Haul up the Allied Command Transformation flag," Secretary General Lord George Robertson said during the ceremony here today. "Allied Command Transformation is now established."

With that, one of the more "daring" experiments in NATO's history began. Robertson oversaw the decommissioning of Allied Command Atlantic and the establishment of the new command under a driving rain.

U.S. Navy Adm. Edmund P. Giambastiani Jr. assumed the position of Supreme Allied Commander Transformation. Marine Gen. James Jones assumed the area responsibilities formerly held by Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic. Giambastiani is also commander of U.S. Joint Forces Command, the command charged with transforming the U.S. military. Jones heads the European Command.

ACLANT, decommissioned after 51 years of existence, was established at the beginning of the Cold War to ensure troops and supplies from the United States and Canada could reach Western Europe through growing Soviet naval power. Allied Command Transformation will specialize in dealing with unconventional, unpredictable threats of the future, Robertson said.

The new command is part of a huge restructuring of NATO commands agreed to by heads of state at NATO's Prague Summit in November. Robertson said the changes mean a "retooled, reengineered, reinvented NATO ready to deal with the threats that are out there" and also ready to deal with threats "we don't know are out there."

The decommissioning of Allied Command Atlantic and establishment of Allied Command Transformation is more than a reflagging action.



*Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani Jr., commander, Supreme Allied Command Transformation, left, watches NATO Secretary General Lord George Robertson, center, and Navy Seaman Recruit Barry A. Sturgis unveil the logo of the newly established Allied Command Transformation. Photo courtesy of NATO Web site.*

"We are changing fundamentally the very nature and purpose of this strategic headquarters," Robertson said.

"Allied Command Transformation will shape the future of combined

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75H to 42A Personnel Services Specialist, FY05

77F to 92F Petroleum Supply Specialist, FY05

77L to 92L Petroleum Laboratory Specialist, FY05

77W to 92W Water Treatment Specialist, FY05

81L to 21L Lithographer, FY04

81T to 21U Topographic Analyst, FY04

81Z to 21Y Topographic Engineering Supervisor, FY04

82C to 13S Field Artillery Surveyor, FY04

82D to 21S Topographic Surveyor, FY04

91A to 68A Medical Equipment Repairer, FY07

91D to 68D Operating Room Specialist, FY07

91E to 68E Dental Specialist

91G to 68G Patient Administration Specialist, FY07

91H to 68H Optical Laboratory Specialist, FY07

91J to 68J Medical Logistics Specialist, FY07

91K to 68K Medical Laboratory Specialist, FY07

91M to Hospital Food Service Specialist, FY07

91P to 68P Radiology Specialist, FY07

91Q to 68Q Pharmacy Specialist, FY07

91R to 68R Veterinary Food Inspection Specialist, FY07

91S to 68S Preventive Medicine Specialist, FY07

91T to 68T Animal Care Specialists, FY07

91V to 68V Respiratory Specialist, FY07

91W to 68W Health Care Specialist, FY07

91X to 68X Mental Health Specialist, FY07

91Z to 68Z Chief Medical NCO, FY07

93F to 13W Field Artillery Meteorological Crewmember, FY04

93C to 15Q Air Traffic Control Operator, FY04

93P to 15P Aviation Operations Specialist, FY04

95B to 31B Military Police, FY04

95C to 31E Corrections Specialist, FY04

95D 31D CID Special Agent, FY04

# Eberhart: 9-11 created need for new unified command

by Gerry J. Gilmore, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, June 19, 2003 - Air Force Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, commander of U.S. Northern Command, noted that the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on America brought about the most significant reorganization within DoD since the department was created in 1947.

Established Oct. 1, 2002, at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., "NORTHCOM has the mission to protect the American people where they live and work," Eberhart explained in a June 9 interview.

NORTHCOM's area of operations includes the United States, Canada, Mexico, parts of the Caribbean and the contiguous waters in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans up to 500 miles off the North American coastline.

U.S. European Command, Pacific Command, and Southern Command were stood up under the National Security Act of 1947, Eberhart noted, as unified commands with geographic areas of responsibility outside the United States. That legislation also placed the individual armed services under the Defense Department.

The creation of unified commands with overseas' missions made sense at that time, he pointed out, since it was believed the United States was "protected by two wide oceans and two friendly neighbors" and therefore didn't require a unified command responsible for U.S. security "from the tip of Mexico to the tip of

Alaska."

However, the asymmetrical tactics employed by the terrorists during 9-11 provided a wake-up call, which pointed out "that we needed one

commander and one command," Eberhart remarked, to protect the United States "against all hazards."

NORTHCOM'S mission is primarily focused on homeland defense, "which is essentially protecting against foreign aggression" that's launched from outside the U.S., Eberhart explained.

However, NORTHCOM also has a mission to provide military assistance to civil authorities, "when determined by the president and the secretary (of defense), which is different than what the other commands have," he pointed out.

Homeland security threats could originate from outside the United



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and joint operations and will identify new concepts and bring them to maturity, and turn then these transformational concepts into reality - a reality shared by the whole NATO alliance."

The new functional command is "theory put in practice," Robertson said during an interview following the ceremony. "Every day there are people in uniform out there doing a remarkable job of work. This command is going to help them to make sure they do it well in the future."

Giambastiani and Jones said that their relationship will be key to success. Jones, now the chief of NATO's Operations, will need military capabilities.

Giambastiani will be the man tasked with finding new ways, methods and doctrines to provide those capabilities. "My job is frankly to support the operational command, just as (U.S.) Joint Forces Command supports the other (American) combatant commanders," Giambastiani said in the interview following the ceremony.

Allied Command Transformation will do that under direction of the NATO Atlantic Council through the NATO military council. "The bottom line day to day is to support the operations of Allied Command Operations," he said.

Jones pointed out his command has been working to define the relationship between the commands for quite a few months. "It really is going to be a strong and robust and cohesive relationship that

will enable us to continue the transformation of the military that we all know we need for the 21st century challenges," he said.

The immediate challenge is to establish the NATO Response Force. "That's about as important as you can get," Giambastiani said. The force is scheduled to have an early operations capability at the end of this year, with an initial operations capability set for fall 2004.

Ultimately the force could number 20,000 and be able to deploy in days out of the NATO area. The force would also be sustained for up to a year.

The NATO Response Force is "really the prime vehicle for transformation as well," Jones said. "It not only generates a capability, but it is the vehicle by which we achieve that transformation." He said anything that can be done to "hasten the delivery of the NATO Response Force" will be appreciated.

NATO is entering new areas. The alliance will support Poland as it puts together a division that will participate in stabilizing Iraqi. NATO is also readying a force that will maintain peace and security in Afghanistan. NATO forces are also in the Balkans.

Robertson said that linking the new command so clearly with the U.S. Joint Forces Command "means that the United States will never be alone in the future and that the allies will always know that in times of trouble they'll be able to act with the United States in the interests of international law and order."





**RED TAIL EXPRESS** — Staff Sgt. Tabora Temple, a shotgun rider for the 332d Red Tail Express, helps form a safe perimeter around the trucks of the Red Tail Express. When stopped, those riding shotgun formed a perimeter around the trucks to deter any danger from local Iraqi citizens while the drivers checked their loads, June 11. The Red Tail Express was formed in order to get much needed supplies to the men and women of forward deployed locations. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Michele G. Misiano.

### **Eberhart: 9-11 created need for new unified command continued**

States, as well, Eberhart noted, but “in most cases, it emanates, it begins, right here in the United States, through terrorism.”

As demonstrated by 9-11, terrorists can strike from the skies. North American Aerospace Command, created in 1958, “looks at air and space threats as agreed to by the governments of Canada and the United States,” Eberhart, who also heads the command, explained.

Consequently, NORTHCOM and NORAD “work very closely together,” the four-star general pointed out.

NORTHCOM must be prepared to provide military support to civil authorities “when it’s deemed to be warranted” by the president and secretary of defense, Eberhart noted.

For example, he continued, NORTHCOM could be directed by higher command authority to secure key infrastructure such as nuclear power plants and bridges, or to assist in disaster-relief operations

State governors and other federal agencies, Eberhart pointed out, would normally request such support according to established laws, noting, “we wouldn’t just ride into town and take over.”

Eberhart emphasized that assistance to civil authorities is not a new mission for the military, that it was important prior to 9-11. He recalled, for example, that the U.S. military had provided support to ensure that “the mail arrived in time” during a 1990s postal strike.

NORTHCOM now represents “one-stop shopping for military support” for homeland defense missions, the Air Force general remarked, noting that in the past many military organizations could have been called upon to provide people and equipment to deal with domestic contingencies.

In effect, NORTHCOM “provides much more streamlined, effective, efficient command -and control,” Eberhart said.

“We use our resources much better than we have in the past,” he concluded.

## **Bus explosion**

**A female suicide bomber blew up a bus carrying workers from a Russian air base near Chechnya.**



**SOURCES: Associated Press; ESRI AP**

*A female bomber attacked a bus as it headed toward a Russian military air base near Chechnya, killing herself and at least 14 others in a new blow to the Kremlin’s claims of increasing stability in the region. (AP Graphic)*

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# NATO rapid-response force should be ready by October

by Kevin Dougherty, Stars and Stripes

CASTEAU, Belgium — The process of restructuring NATO along with new and ongoing operational commitments have alliance members hustling from one end of the theater to the next.

With NATO forces assuming in August the lead role in the U.N.-mandated International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan, the tempo isn't expected to ease up anytime soon.

"This is like a basketball game," U.S. Marine Gen. James L. Jones said Wednesday. "We are racing up and down the court."

The supreme allied commander met with reporters after a two-day commanders conference at SHAPE headquarters in Belgium.

Commanders discussed an array of issues, from the pending deployment to Afghanistan to the ongoing effort to reorganize the alliance.

In addition, commanders addressed other matters, such as the fledgling NATO Response Force; the European Security and Defense Identity, an initiative that looks at the relationship between nations on both sides of the Atlantic and the current and future roles of European countries in security; and alliance support for Polish troops deploying to Iraq as part of an international peacekeeping force.

The 5,000-strong rapid response force should be ready by October, leaders said Wednesday.

"It's important for people to see what it looks like," Jones told a news conference. "We will stand it up and use it as an example."

The force, which will integrate elite air, land and sea units from several nations under a common command, is at the heart of NATO's efforts to develop a rapid, flexible response to terrorism and other threats and to project power well beyond its North Atlantic heartland.

First proposed by the United States last year, the force will be expanded in the future and could develop into a pool of tens of thousands of troops the alliance could call upon at short notice.

Jones, a strong supporter of NATO taking a more expeditionary approach to dealing with global security threats, said the force should be able to tackle a range of missions "from peacekeeping to crisis intervention."

With respect to Iraq, Jones said there is no current plan or effort under way to have the alliance assume a leading role. The assistance and support being provided to Polish forces are simply about the alliance helping out one of its brethren.

While Iraq is on the minds of many, the purpose of the conference was to bring commanders together to discuss issues such as NATO restructuring, an effort designed to enhance coordination, management and responsibilities. The reorganization should be completed later this year.

"The transformation of NATO has to take place in a number of areas," Jones told reporters.

That means changes are in store for those in the field as well.

Like the U.S. military, NATO wants its forces to be leaner and highly mobile, melding the assets of air, land and sea forces.

Reshaping NATO won't happen overnight, Jones and other commanders indicated, but change is necessary as the alliance's workload increases amid a changing world facing new challenges and opportunities.

Speaking at NATO's military headquarters in southern Belgium, Jones sidestepped questions over a U.S. warning that the alliance may have to pull its headquarters out Belgium if the government does not change war-crimes laws that have targeted senior American civilian and military officials.

"This is a bilateral issue between the United States and Belgium," he said. "It would not be appropriate for me to get involved."

Jones said he did not feel threatened by the law.

NATO also decided Wednesday that representatives from the seven nations due to join the alliance next year will now routinely attend policy setting meetings. Romania, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Lithuania, Slovenia, Latvia and Estonia will have observer status on the North Atlantic Council until they become full members in May 2004.

## China to shrink world's biggest military

BEIJING (AP) - China will move 42,000 soldiers to civilian jobs this year as part of efforts to shrink the world's largest military, the main Communist Party newspaper said Friday.

President Hu Jintao told officials in a video conference Thursday to find jobs for the demobilized troops and to smooth their return to civilian life, the People's Daily said.

The 2.5-million-member People's Liberation Army is in the midst of a 5-year-old downsizing that reportedly will eliminate hundreds of thousands of troops.

The cutbacks are part of efforts to modernize China's military, which is still largely oriented toward ground combat with huge numbers of troops. Most of its planes, tanks and ships are antiquated and soldiers poorly trained.

China reserves quotas in state construction companies and other government departments for ex-soldiers and requires governments down to the local level to find them jobs. Nearly 30,000 demobilized soldiers and officers have been provided with civilian posts while the rest found new jobs on their own, the newspaper said.

# Business leaders salute troops, Defense Secretary

by Linda D. Kozaryn, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, June 20, 2003 – More than 750 of the nation's top business leaders turned out in black-tie June 19 to pay tribute to the nation's men and women in uniform and the man who leads them, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

"There's a class of people who, when all else fails and the nation must resort to armed force, come forth to execute the nation's policies," retired Air Force Gen. Charles G. Boyd said at the Eisenhower Awards Dinner, sponsored by Business Executives for National Security.

"This special breed — they're the only group of people in our society that sign up for unlimited liability," said Boyd, BENS president and executive officer. When military members are called to duty, he noted, they are willing to forfeit everything, "including life itself."

"It's been my observation for a long time that this group of people

do what we ask them to do willingly, even cheerfully," he concluded. "I think we owe them a vote of thanks."

Boyd then called on five active duty service members in the audience, veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq and representing the five service branches, to stand. Marine Corps Sgt. Orion Steele, a platoon leader and Purple Heart recipient with the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, stood, as did Army Chief Warrant Officer William C. Miller, an Apache helicopter pilot with the 227th Cavalry Regiment.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class James Gram, a Special Warfare Group SEAL; Air Force Staff Sgt. Sean Kasperek, a helicopter crew chief with the 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron; and Coast Guard Lt. j.g. Tom Evans, an anti-terrorism and force protection specialist with the Tactical Law Enforcement Team, also stood to receive the group's standing ovation on behalf of their comrades in arms.

BENS, a national, nonpartisan organization, works to make America safe and secure. BENS members are senior executives who help the Pentagon, Congress and the White House develop new solutions to national security challenges.

Each year, the group honors one American with the Eisenhower Award. BENS founder Stanley A. Weiss presented this year's award to Rumsfeld.

First presented in 1986 on the 25th anniversary of President Eisenhower's farewell address, the award recognizes those Americans whose contributions to the country best reflect Eisenhower's definition of security as "the total product of our economic, intellectual, moral and military strength."

Past award recipients include former Defense Secretaries William Perry and William Cohen, and Army Gen. Hugh Shelton, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Last year's recipient was National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice.

BENS' Sidney Harmon, master of ceremonies, read a letter from President Bush applauding Rumsfeld "for his commitment to continuing to transform our military into a more agile, flexible, responsive fighting force." In the letter, Bush hailed the defense secretary for his "integrity and vision," and for being a "true patriot and a valued adviser." Bush also praised BENS for the group's efforts to help improve national security.

Indiana Sen. Evan Bayh, one of several guest speakers, noted that ensuring national security is more difficult than ever before because the "only constant in the world today is rapid, profound change."

"Where less than a generation ago," Bayh said, "the foremost risk to our national security was the prospect of a large ground war in Western Europe, or perhaps a nuclear exchange with another super power state, today we face an entirely different array of emerging challenges that are our honoree tonight must plan to meet."



*A soldier tightens the fuse on a 105mm howitzer shell at a coalition fire base in the Paktika province of Afghanistan.*  
Cpl. Keith A Kluwe, U.S. Army / AP photo

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*Iraqi employees of a power station discuss Friday June 20, 2003 the extent of damage to a power transformer after unknown gunmen fired a rocket propelled grenade and hit a power transformer in Fallujah, 60 kilometers west of Baghdad, Iraq Thursday evening. The U.S. military said two soldiers guarding the station Thursday night were slightly injured, one with a concussion and the other with bruises from the impact of the rockets exploding near the two Bradley fighting vehicles at the gate. (AP Photo/Ali Haider)*

## U.S. Embassy in Kenya closed over terror threat

NAIROBI (Reuters) - The U.S. Embassy in Kenya was closed on Friday because of a "serious terrorist threat," an embassy spokesman told Reuters.

"The information that is available to us and to Kenya indicates that there is a serious terrorist threat in Kenya," U.S. embassy spokesman Tom Hart said.

He said he did not know when the embassy would reopen.

The militant Islamist al Qaeda group claimed responsibility for twin

attacks in Kenya in November 2002 on an Israeli hotel and airliner which killed 16 people, including 10 Kenyans and three Israelis.

Those were Kenya's bloodiest attacks since a 1998 embassy bombing widely thought to be the work of clandestine guerrillas linked to Saudi-born dissident Osama bin Laden.

In 1998, attacks on U.S. embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam, capital of neighboring Tanzania, killed 224 people, most of them Africans.

## Business leaders salute troops, Defense Secretary continued

Bayh said the nation must think and act anew to defend the United States. "We are being much more proactive in the cause of defending America," he said, "because we know that pre-emption is sometimes necessary." Waiting until an attack is truly imminent may result in "consequences even graver than the losses we suffered on 9-11."

The senator drew applause when he noted that Rumsfeld is transforming the military to emphasize America's information superiority, technological advantages, mobility and "the skills and talents and training of some of the finest young men and women that any nation is proud to field in its defense."

In a humorous address, Marine Gen. James L. Jones, commander of U.S. European Command and NATO's supreme allied commander Europe, illustrated Rumsfeld's brief, direct management style. Noting that European Command includes 93 countries, Jones recalled the orders he got from Rumsfeld before he went to Europe.

"My guidance from the secretary was as follows," Jones said. "I want you to go over there and make them like us. I want you to go over there and stamp out terrorism. I want you to eliminate weapons of mass destruction from all 93 of the countries.

"I want you to reduce criminality. I want you to stop narco-trafficking. It is unconscionable that it goes on in this day and age. I want you to change the U.S. basing strategy. I want you to support both Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. And I want

you to get back to me in 90 days on how you're going to do that. And don't be timid."

Jones said he did report back in 90 days with what he thought was a wonderful briefing. "Before I even gave the brief before the senior leadership of the Department of Defense," he said, "the secretary came in, sat down and said, 'Good to see you. I can tell this is going to be too timid.'"

On a more serious note, Jones said the military admires Rumsfeld's ability to communicate to the American public "why certain things are important" and the tenacity, efficiency and effectiveness with which he does that. He also thanked Rumsfeld for reminding the nation that doing significant things involves risk.

"Lastly, Mr. Secretary, I thank you for your role in reminding us that we live in a great nation and that periodically in history, from time to time, a great nation must do great things. In doing those things, ... we talk to our people, solicit their approval, we measure the risk to determine whether it's acceptable, and then we get on with the business of doing great things."

Before thanking BENS for the Eisenhower Award, Rumsfeld acknowledged that some of what Jones said was true. "When he came back to brief me, before the briefing started," he noted, "I did in fact look him in the eye and say 'I can tell this briefing is going to be too timid.' That's true, but I said it in good humor."

## Stars to help observe 50th anniversary of Korean War armistice

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, June 20, 2003) - Randy Travis, Ed McMahon and James McEachin will join the nation in honoring Korean War veterans July 26 for the 50th anniversary of the Korean War armistice.

The star-studded event at the MCI Center in Washington, D.C., will be one of many July 25-27 as the nation commemorates the signing of the armistice that brought a ceasefire in Korea July 27, 1953.

Events in the nation's capital will include a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery July 26 at 10 a.m. and an Armistice Day ceremony at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on the national Mall July 27 at 10 a.m.

Travis, a country music star with more than 20 number-one hits, will perform during the MCI Center event beginning at 4:30 p.m., July 26. McMahon will be the Master of Ceremony and McEachin will narrate a special script about the Korean War.

McMahon and McEachin are both Korean War veterans. McMahon was a Marine Corps pilot and McEachin an infantryman in the Army.

Television actress Chea Courtney, who has had roles in several shows such as "Providence" and "Judging Amy," and Tyler Hoechlin from the movie "Road to Perdition" will also take part in the ceremony.

All Korean War veterans, family members, next of kin and the public are invited to attend the events. Free tickets for the MCI Center event can be ordered by calling toll free 1-866-751-2403. Discount hotel reservations for the weekend events can be arranged by calling

1-800-554-2220 (ext. 102.)

"Korean War veterans are true heroes," said retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Nels Running, former executive director for the Department of Defense 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee.

This commemoration event is our nation's way of telling all Korean War veterans 'thank you,' and that we have not forgotten what you have done for our country and all freedom loving people in the world," Running said.

Running's three-year term as executive director of the Commemoration Committee expired June 18. During his tenure, more than 13,000 commemoration partners joined the DOD committee in thanking and honoring Korean War veterans and their families. A series of nation-wide educational events and commemoration programs were conducted across America. These events included memorial services, parades, symposiums, receptions, media presentations, and various public displays.

Charles Krohn, the Army's deputy chief of Public Affairs for Outreach, assumed oversight for the Commemoration Committee June 19. Col. Mary Joyce Mason, chief of staff for the committee, will be responsible for its day-to-day operation, said Krohn, a senior executive service official.

The committee's phone number is (703) 604-0827 and the office also has a toll-free number at 1-866-567-3250. The committee's Web site is [www.korea50.mi](http://www.korea50.mi).

## Missing World War II/Vietnam veterans come to Arlington

by Dennis Ryan, Pentagon staff writer

Wednesday, 17 servicemen from two different wars were buried with full honors at Arlington National Cemetery in two separate services.

Nine Navy crewmembers, missing in action from the Vietnam era, were seen to their final resting-place in Section 60 by around 200 relatives and friends.

And, three Army pilots and five soldier passengers from a World War II B-25 mission finally were interred directly next to the sailors, a little over an hour later.

Pilots, Cmdr. Delbert Olson and Lt. j.g. Arthur Buck flew out of Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base on Jan. 11 1968 on an OP-2E for a mission over the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos. The crew of seven included: Lts. j.g. Denis Anderson and Philip Stevens, Seamen Richard Mancini, Gale Siow and Michael Roberts and Petty Officers Donald Thoresen and Kenneth Widon, and the crew's mascot dog, Snoopy.

Their was to drop acoustic or seismic sensors near possible enemy routes. A passing tank or truck would activate the sensors and the sensor would then send a signal to an airborne relay station, which would transfer it to a ground facility. Attacks could then be called in

for the area.

The last report from Olsen and Buck indicated they were descending through dense clouds. That was the last time the crew was heard from. An Air Force plane photographed a suspected crash site on Jan. 25, 1968, but enemy activity prevented a recovery effort.

A joint U. S. and Laotian team investigated the crash site in 1993. It wasn't until the fourth joint expedition in 1996 found what turned out to be Buck and Olsen's wreckage in a remote and dangerous location.

Cilhi was not able to send in a recovery team until March of 2001. DNA analysis of dental and skeletal remains identify nine crew members. Some bone fragments could not be individually identified. Three fragments of bone were determined to be from Snoopy, the mascot.

Several of the crew had their remains buried in various places around the country. The remains that could not be individually identified were interred in the group burial Wednesday. The known remains of Snoopy were separated.

# Stars shine for troops in Baghdad

by Sandra Jontz, Stars and Stripes; photos by Michael Abrams

BAGHDAD, Iraq — There's nothing like a couple of rock stars, a Playboy pin-up model, a Hollywood movie star and a few sports celebrities to get a hangar of 7,000 troops hoopin' and hollerin' — especially when the superstars are there to say "thank you."

Hangar 42 at Baghdad International Airport became a sweaty sea of brown shirts and desert cammies Thursday as Kid Rock, Leann Tweeden, Gary Sinise and others took center stage to perform.

"When you come back to Baghdad with your children and grandchildren, you'll see a whole different place," said Sinise, who played Lt. Dan in the movie "Forrest Gump."

His intro, however, garnered many boos from the crowd.

"Just come back in the winter time," he jested, mocking the insufferable heat. "You'll see a free Iraq. ... And you can tell your children and grandchildren 'I did that. That's what I did.'"

This time, he was cheered.

Music artist Kid Rock kicked off the USO-sponsored show, greeting the troops "with some good ole American attitude," then flashed his middle finger to the crowd.

He sang a ditty he said he drafted one night in Chicago.

"If I was president, I'd turn all churches into strip clubs," he began.

"If I was president, I'd give my State of the Union Address from a mile high, smoking a joint on Air Force One."

The crowd loved it.

But it went wild when he began singing Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Sweet Home Alabama."

"This beats what I'd normally be doing," said Spc. Daniel Hrubes, 20, a mechanic with Special Troop Battalion, V Corps, out of Heidelberg, Germany. "I work on vehicles pretty much all day, every day. That's what I do."

What a boost for troop morale, said Spc. Jerome Robinson, a nuclear, biological and chemical expert with the 69th Chemical Company, 1st Armored Division. "This is worth it, definitely worth it. It changes the whole mood, and morale, it's the highest I've ever seen it."

Spc. Richard Murray, 29, with Troop E of the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment out of Fort Polk, La., arrived at the terminal at 9:30 a.m. for the 2 p.m. show.

"I wanted to get the front row," he said.

"It's a 116 degrees in the shade and you give me the chills," Christy Ferer, whose husband died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City, told the troops. "I have to say we think about you every day. Not a day goes by where we



*Kid Rock entertains the 7,000 soldiers at the first USO show in Baghdad. Thursday's show also featured Rebecca Romijn Stamos, her husband actor John Stamos, actor Gary Sinise and NFL and NBA players, among others.*



*Playboy model Leann Tweeden, at the USO show at Baghdad airport.*

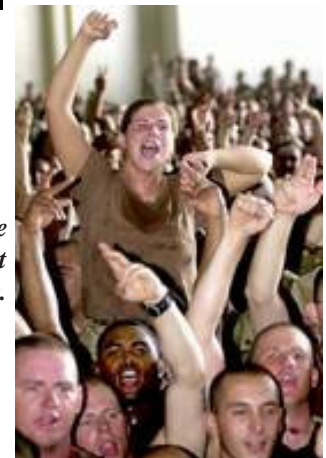


*Miami Dolphin Jason Taylor signs autographs after Thursday's show.*

don't think if you're safe."

Jason Taylor of the National Football League's Miami Dolphins and Duce Staley of the Philadelphia Eagles shared their thanks with the troops and the ensemble of celebrities made their way through the crowd to shake hands and sign autographs on caps, books, a toy duck, and even the butt of an M-16 rifle.

"This is our release and our escape, to find something familiar from back home," said Sgt. David Whipp, 31, an activated Maryland Army National Guardsman with the 115th Military Police Battalion out of Hartfield, Md. "This is a great release from the daily grind and from missing our families and friends."



*The crowd rocked at the first USO show held at Baghdad airport.*



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## Missing World War II/Vietnam veterans come to Arlington continued

The war in the Pacific had just ended, when 1st Lt. Philip Miller set out from Australia on Sept. 8, 1945 in his Army Airways Communications System B-25 en route to what is now Biak, Indonesia.

Staff Sgt. Finn Buer, a passenger on the plane, had written to his family only two days before. He told his folks to get ready to have a big party when he returned. Finn would never make it home.

A helicopter pilot working for the Freeport Mining Corp. noticed aircraft wreckage on a mountaintop in Indonesia on Feb. 5, 1996. The company notified the military attache at the American Embassy in the Indonesian capitol of Jakarta.

A CILHI team recovered remains in 1999 from the site and the soldiers were identified in 2002 as crewmembers Sgt. Mathew Neary and Staff Sgt. Troy Hewett, Jr. and passengers; 1st Lt. Fred Smith, Staff Sgts. Veachel Straney, Charles Boslers and Earl Spredeemann.

There were two caskets for the World War II men. Buer was buried in a separate casket next to his comrades.

The attendees for the second funeral were a mix of older siblings and widow, mixed with younger descendants two or three generations removed from the Pacific Theater of World War II.

## TRADOC photo chief compiling pictures of yellow ribbons

I am working on a photographic project for our soldiers that requires photos of yellow ribbons across the country. I ask all photographers to participate in sending a 300DPI file of yellow ribbons hanging in your area of the country. It can be in a field, or downtown, or in front of a home....anywhere. I will be sectioning them off by states. You will get credit for your photograph, so please put your name as you would want it published. Also, add the city/town and state of the photo. By sending me your photo file you will be releasing the photograph to me for publishing. This is a project for our soldiers in Iraq and elsewhere, so please send your yellow ribbon photos to: [franzk@monroe.army.mil](mailto:franzk@monroe.army.mil)

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*Infantrymen from 3rd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment wait for the perimeter to be secured before entering a compound near Fire Base Shkin in Afghanistan. Cpl. Keith A Kluwe, U.S. Army / AP photo*





**ROW BY ROW** — U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael Land with the 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron stacks munitions for disposal at Kirkuk Air Base, June 15. Defense Dept. photo by Staff Sgt. James A. Williams, U.S. Air Force



Jewish settlers fought hand-to-hand with Israeli soldiers and police sent to dismantle the illegal West Bank outpost of Givat Yitzhar. (AP photo)



**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** — Romanian soldiers prepare to hand out school supplies for the children of the Baybbam Darrah village in the Kandahar Province, of Afghanistan during a June 14 Team Village patrol. Team Village patrols made up of Task Force Devil soldiers and Romanian Forces provide situation awareness, assessment of village needs, distribution of humanitarian aid and gather passive intelligence in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Leopold Medina Jr.



Members of the 1st Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment task force perform function checks on their vehicles before an early afternoon raid in downtown Kirkuk, Iraq, June 12. The soldiers were tasked with detaining individuals with suspected terrorist ties. U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. James A. Williams.

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